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22. Punjab	220.694	19.306	0.653	240.653
23. Rajasthan	972.248	78.960	8.480	1059.688
24. Sikkim	2.940	1.446	0.123	4.509
25. Tamil Nadu	45.396	44.784	3.892	94.072
26. Tripura	16.044	7.538	1.669	25.251
27. Uttarakhand	86.292	34.566	0.783	121.641
28. Uttar Pradesh	1493.628	35.452	0.726	1529.806
29. West Bengal	1458.168	142.540	24.520	1625.228
30. A & N Islands	3.948	2.048	0.124	6.120
31. Chandigarh	0.408	0.300	0.000	0.708
32. D & N Haveli	0.528	0.316	0.008	0.852
33. Daman & Diu	0.144	0.300	0.000	0.444
34. Lakshadweep	0.000	0.300	0.000	0.300
35. Pondicherry	1.200	1.300	0.050	2.550
TOTAL:	10804.185	1007.944	123.871	11,936.000

Import of wheat

833. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 50 lakh tonnes of wheat have been imported at a huge loss to the exchequer;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government has paid to the foreign traders exorbitant prices upto nearly Rs. 16000 per tonne against the minimum support price of Rs. 8500 per tonne which need inquiry; and

(c) if so, whether Government has made any inquiry and the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) The import of wheat has been done at competitive international prices against the global tenders floated by STC/MMTC/PEC (Government of India Undertakings).

During 2005-06, no wheat was imported by the Government During 2006-07, 53.79 lakh tons of wheat was imported at weighted average price US $ 205.35 per ton i.e. Rs. 8,214.00 per ton.

During 2007-08, orders have been placed for import of 17.985 lakh tons of wheat at weighted average price of US $ 373.97 per ton i.e. Rs. 14,958.80 per ton. As on 4th March, 2008, 17.693 MT has already arrived in the country.

(c) Question does not arise.